

House of Representatives, March 31, 1998. The Committee on Transportation reported through REP. COCCO, 127th DIST., Chairman of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 (NEW) The Commissioner of Transportation, in
2 consultation with the Auditors of Public Accounts,
3 shall annually study the aircraft registration
4 program, authorized by sections 13b-39a to 13b-39g
5 of the general statutes. Such study shall examine
6 the aircraft registration procedure and develop
7 recommendations to improve said procedure. The
8 commissioner shall annually report his findings to
9 the joint standing committee of the General
10 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
11 transportation.

12 TRA COMMITTEE VOTE: YEA 22 NAY 0 JFS

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER SHB 5555

STATE IMPACT Minimal Workload Increase, see
 explanation below

MUNICIPAL IMPACT None

STATE AGENCY(S) Department of Transportation,
 Auditors of Public Accounts

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

STATE IMPACT: The Commissioner of Transportation will annually study the aircraft registration program, in consultation with the Auditors of Public Accounts, within available resources.

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OLR BILL ANALYSIS

SHB 5555

AN ACT CONCERNING AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION

SUMMARY: This bill requires the transportation commissioner to annually examine the registration procedure for the state's aircraft registration program, in consultation with the auditors of public accounts, and report his findings and recommendations to improve the procedure to the Transportation Committee. The bill establishes no specific annual reporting date.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 1998

BACKGROUND**Aircraft Registration**

By law, all aircraft based or primarily used at any airport facility, heliport, air navigation facility, restricted landing area, or seaplane base in Connecticut must register annually with the host municipality and pay a registration fee. The transportation commissioner administers the aircraft registration program and prepares the forms and decals municipalities use for registrations. Towns registering aircraft keep the registration fees in lieu of property taxes and, each April 1 through the year 2000, the state partially reimburses them from the Special Transportation Fund for the property taxes they would have collected for aircraft on their October 1, 1992 grand lists. Registration fees are from \$90 to \$2,500 depending on aircraft gross weight.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute
Yea 22 Nay 0